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In re Application of: WANG et al.

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SWITCH FOR MULTIPLE I/O
STANDARDS

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RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 26, 2002

Commissioner of Patent & Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks in response to the Office Action mailed December 26, 2002, in the above identified application. A petition is enclosed to extend by three (3) months to June 26, 2003 the time for responding to this Office Action.

In the Claims:

Following is a list of all pending claims:

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1. (Currently Amended) A switch circuit for selectively providing a reference voltage signal to a logic device, the switch circuit comprising a transmission switch circuit receiving the reference voltage signal at an input thereof and passing the reference voltage signal to an output thereof in response to a first control signal, the first control signal having a logic level determined by a dedicated ^{vcc} supply signal, and the dedicated supply signal being different from an input/output.supply signal for the logic device.
 2. (Currently Amended) The switch circuit of claim 1 wherein the logic device is operable in accordance with a plurality of input/output supply signal standards each having a specified input/output supply signal level, wherein at least one of the plurality of input/output supply signal standards is a voltage-referenced standard, and wherein the dedicated supply signal has a voltage level greater than the lowest specified input/output supply signal level for any voltage-referenced standard.
 3. (Original) The switch circuit of claim 1 wherein the dedicated supply signal has a voltage level of about 2.5 V or greater.

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